

On-The-Record Profile Story with the Weekly Standard's Daniel Halper
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Location: Administrator Pruitt's Office

Reporter: Daniel Halper

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Topics: EPA is spear of Trump's agenda, EPA is the bellwether for government reform, First 100 Days, WOTUS, CPP and Federalism.



Reporter Biography:

Daniel Halper writes for the Drudge Report and the Weekly Standard. Recently, he was the Washington bureau chief of The New York Post.

Recent Stories:

Trump to sign orders cracking down on trade. "President Trump will sign two executive orders Friday, one to study the country's trade deficit, and another to tackle foreign manufacturers who unload cheap products in the US." (The New York Post, 03/31/17)

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"The American people are tired of seeing billions of dollars drained from our economy due to unnecessary EPA regulations, and I intend to run this agency in a way that fosters both responsible protection of the environment and freedom for American businesses," Pruitt said in a statement provided by the Trump team.

President-elect Trump hailed Pruitt as "highly respected" and said he'd "restore the EPA's essential mission of keeping our air and our water clean and safe."

"For too long, the Environmental Protection Agency has spent taxpayer dollars on an out-of-control anti-energy agenda that has destroyed millions of jobs, while also undermining our incredible farmers and many other businesses and industries at every turn," said Trump, saying that Pruitt will "reverse this trend."

But despite his criticism of the EPA as an out-of-control federal agency, Trump made clear that "My administration strongly believes in environmental protection" and that Pruitt's job will be to enforce it.